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Morning meeting in Secretary's office, [redacted] had a talk with Mr. Lehrbas, who is a Special Assistant to me for Public Relations. It seems [redacted] there are about 100 newspaper men whom I am expected to see individually or in groups of not more than three.

Willard Thorp came [redacted] to brief me on the desire of the Treasury to impose countervailing duties on imports [redacted] subsidized by foreign nations. Some [redacted] tricky technical points are involved in this; [redacted] the State Department is against the proposal for various economic and political reasons. I will have to take it up next week with John Snyder, who is presently out of town.

I went to George Kennan's swearing-in as Ambassador to the Soviet Union.

This afternoon, there was a long briefing on the International Information Administration, of which Dr. Wilson Compton is the head.

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Later on I received, in place of the Secretary who had gone to meet Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, Mr. Frank L. Weil (and some of his associates); [redacted] is the 1952 Chairman of the National Citizens' Committee for United Nations Day.

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